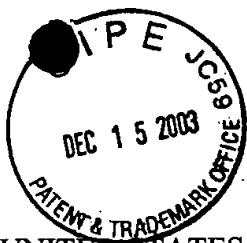


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/362,052

Filed: July 28, 1999

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 19.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 38	MINUS	** 37	= 1	x \$9 \$18	\$18.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 4	MINUS	*** 7	= 0	x \$43 \$86	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290						\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$18.00

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☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 18.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ ____ to cover the fee for a __-month extension is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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